# **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

# BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

## GENERA OF THE DIPTEROUS TRIBE SARCOPHAGINI.

BY CHARLES H. T. TOWNSEND.

The Sarcophaga type is most nearly related on the one hand with the Muscidae (Calliphoridae) and on the other hand with the Miltogramma and Metopia types. Through the Muscidae it is next related with the Stomoxydidae (Muscinae auct.) and through the Miltogramma type with the Calirrhoidae (Dexiinae auct.) and the Dexiidae (Pseudodexiidae BB). Brachicoma, Amobia and Tephromyia are types of tribes which belong in the family with Sarcophaga, and it is probably taxonomically expedient to include the Miltogramma and Metopia types in the same family.

Sarcophaga has long functioned as a catch-all generic name. As such, it means little. A genus can not be conceded by elimination, but must be recognized by definition. Sarcophaga has thus grown to be a taxonomic complex which demands untangling. The genitalic method of distinguishing the species has worked well in Europe, where the forms have been under observation long enough to link both sexes in most cases. In attacking the mass of comparatively unknown species in America, however, the task of separating them is better begun at the female end. Gravid females, captured in the open, will furnish larvae for the study of the three stages and rearing to the adults of both sexes. At one stroke this plan yields characters of all stages and both sexes. Study of the total characters for the species shows natural groups of species in this tangled mass of unlike forms.

The real problem which confronts us in the Sarcophaga complex is the elucidation of species groups or genera. It is first

all-important to know what species belong together. When these groups are properly segregated, the species can be studied to advantage. The elucidation of the genera carries with it a knowledge of both sexes of the component species, which is the necessary antecedent to the male genitalic separation of the forms. In the light of such study it is found that the complex has lodged many forms which can not be admitted to the tribe Sarcophagini.

# GENERA OF SARCOPHAGINI.

#### MALES.

Abdomen absolutely devoid of pollinose covering, polished	
and shining	RD.
Abdomen always with more or less pollinose covering, not	
wholly shining	2
2—One pair of proclinate fronto-orbitals	3
No proclinate fronto-orbitals	4
3-Parafacialia with at most a single row of fine hairs . Sarcophagulo	Wp.
Parafacialia with two or more irregular rows of fine hairs	1
Sarothromyic	а ВВ.
4—All tibiae long-villous	5
None of tibiae long-villous	6
At least the hind tibiae long-villous, either thickly or thinly,	Ů
but the front ones not	25
5—First vein bare	
First vein bristled about half way Tulacopoda, gen	
6—First vein bristled about half way	7
First vein bare	12
7—Frontals not divergent, stopping practically at base of antennae	8
Frontals diverging at least one bristle below base of antennae	10
8—No median marginal macrochaetae on segment III	10
Andinoravinia, gen.	2017
, 8	. nov. 9
Median marginals present on segment III	
9—Parafacialia as broad as clypeus Argoravinia, gen	
Parafacialia not as broad as clypeus Chaetoravinia, gen	. 110 v .
10—Strong, long, erect median marginals on segment II (patch of	
thickly-placed hairs on edge of scutellum on each side in	
genotype)	
No median marginals on segment II	11
11—Outer vertical developed Sarcodexiopsis, gen	. nov.
Outer vertical not sufficiently developed to contrast with	~
occipito-orbital fringe	Coq.
12—Frontals stopping practically at base of antennae, not diver-	
gent except as they follow frontalia	13
Frontals diverging at least one bristle below base of antennae	17

13—Frontalia much narrowed posteriorly	RD.
Frontalia not or but very slightly narrowed posteriorly	14
14—Vertex as wide as eye	gov.
Vertex at most scarcely over two-thirds as wide as eye	15
15—Postsuturals three	RD.
Postsuturals four	16
16-Median marginals absent or vestigial on segment III	
Punasarcophag	а Т.
Median marginals present on segment III . Euravinia, gen.	ov.
17—Postsuturals three	18
Postsuturals four, the front two more or less reduced	19
18—Fifth sternite swollen and projected in profile like a button	
Hypopelta .	Ald.
Fifth sternite normal Fletcherimyia, gen.	nov.
19—Outer verticals well developed; forceps minute (hind femora	
and tibiae normally specialized for grasping the female in	
the genotype)	αT.
Outer verticals not well differentiated from occipito-orbital	
fringe	20
20—Preacrostichals well developed, strong Kellymyia, gen.	nov.
Preacrostichals not well developed, at most very small or	
vestigial	21
21—Frontalia not narrowed posteriorly	22
Frontalia more or less narrowed posteriorly	23
22—Strong median marginals on segment III Peltopyga, gen.	
No median marginals on segment III Spirobolomyi	aT.
23—Cheeks over two-fifths of eye-length Trixosarcophaga, gen.	
Cheeks not over one-fourth of eye-length	24
Hypopygium sman; forceps elongate and tapering. Sarcoaexi Hypopygium rather large; forceps shortened and broadened	a 1.
apically, usually with a dorsal preapical spur	
Oxysarcodexia, gen.	nov
25—Preacrostichals present, well developed	26
Preacrostichals not well developed, at most very weak, small	20
or vestigial	30
26—Frontals not divergent, stopping close to base of antennae.	00
Sarothromyiops, gen.	nov.
Frontals diverging at least one bristle below base of antennae	27
27—Hypopygium wide, flattened, boxlike, the second segment	
very elongate; forceps very short Zygastropyga, gen.	nov.
Hypopygium not flattened and boxlike, the second segment	
not unusually long	28
28—Strong erect median marginals on segment II Mulsantia	RD.
No median marginals on segment II	29
29—Facio-orbital row including 3 to 5 strong bristles below; ver-	
tex about one-half eye; cheeks about one-third eye-length,	
parafacialia about one-half width of clypeus; long strong	
macrochaetae in median longitudinal row on outside of	
1 ! . 1 !	TAR

Facio-orbital row consisting of a bristle or two without hairs
above; vertex but little over one-fourth eye-width; cheeks
about one-fourth eye-length; parafacialia not one-third
width of clypeus; at most a few median macrochaetae dis-
tally on hind femora exteriorly Parasarcodexia, gen. nov.
30—Postsuturals three
Postsuturals two, with or without two more or less developed
additional ones in front
31—Strong median marginals on segment II (the front side of
middle femora with a patch of yellow hairs distally in the
genotype) Sarcotachinella T.
No median marginals on segment II
32—Outer verticals developed, strong Bellieria RD.
Outer verticals not developed Bercaeopsis, gen. nov.
33—Parafacialia broader than clypeus; no facio-orbital row to be
distinguished from the other hairs Wohlfahrtiopsis T.
Parafacialia not as wide as clypeus
34—Facio-orbital row including several strong bristles below 35
Facio-orbital row consisting only of hairs at the most 36
35—Vibrissal axis nearly equalling head-height; epistoma well
projected beyond vibrissae; facialia bristled about half-
way at most; cheeks over one-half eye-length . Sarcophaga Mg.
Vibrissal axis not over three-fourths of head-height; epistoma
only slightly projected; facialia normally bristled well over
half-way; cheeks little over two-fifths eye-length
Sarraceniomyia, gen. nov.
36—Vertex about two-thirds as wide as eye Bercaea RD.
Vertex at most but little exceeding one-half eye-width 37
37—Outer vertical strong
Outer vertical not developed, vestigial Gigantotheca, gen. nov.
Females.
Abdomen wholly shining and without pollen Peckia RD.
Abdomen more or less pollinose
2—Only one pair of proclinate fronto-orbitals
Two or more pairs of proclinate fronto-orbitals 4
3—First hypopygial tergite retractile Sarcophagula Wp.
First hypopygial tergite modified into a non-retractile perma-
nent fifth visible segment of the abdomen Prosthetocirca, gen. nov.
4—No reclinate fronto-orbitals, usually three proclinates Agria RD.
At least one reclinate fronto-orbital always present, procli-
nates two
5—First vein bristled about half way 6
First vein bare
6-Strong, long and erect median marginals on segment II
(sides of scutellum with thick patches of hairs on edge be-
tween lateral bristles in genotype)
Median marginals absent, vestigial or weak on segment II . 7

Townsend—Genera of the Dipterous Tribe Sarcophagini. 193
7—Frontals not divergent, stopping practically at base of antennae 8
Frontals diverging at least one bristle below base of antennae 10
8—First hypopygial tergite incised on median line posteriorly,
the hind edge of segment forming a wide vertical slit bor-
dered with partly decussate bristles; parafacialia rather
broader than clypeus Argoravinia, gen. nov.
First hypopygial tergite entire, not forming a vertical slit,
parafacialia not as broad as clypeus
9—Vibrissal axis not over two-thirds of head-height
Chaetoravinia, gen. nov.
Vibrissal axis fully three-fourths of head-height
Andinoravinia, gen. nov.
10—Vibrissal axis only a little shorter than head-height
Tulaeopoda, gen. nov.
Vibrissal axis about or but little over two-thirds of head-height 11
11—Two reclinate fronto-orbitals
Only one reclinate fronto-orbital Sarcodexiopsis, gen. nov.
12—Postsuturals three
Postsuturals two or four
13—Frontals not divergent, stopping practically at base of antennae 14
Frontals diverging at least one or two bristles below base of
antennae
14—Costal spine strong
Costal spine absent
15—First hypopygial tergite excised or scooped out on disk 16
First hypopygial tergite not excised or scooped out on disk . 17
16—Strong median marginals on segment II (yellow hair patch
on outside of middle femora distally in genotype) Sarcotachinella T.
No median marginals on segment II Bellieria RD.
17—Two reclinate fronto-orbitals; costal spine strong, longer
than small crossvein
Only one reclinate fronto-orbital; costal spine weak, short or
vestigial, not as long as small crossvein
18—First hypopygial tergite incised on median line posteriorly,
the hind edge of segment forming a vertical slit bordered
with partly decussate bristles Bercaeopsis, gen. nov.
First hypopygial tergite entire
19—Facio-orbitals consisting of row of fine hairs; lateral scutel-
lars two; median longitudinal row of macrochaetae on
outside of hind femora reduced to small bristles on basal
half Fletcherimyia, gen. nov.
Facio-orbital row including several strong bristles below;
lateral scutellars three; normally a median longitudinal
row of long strong macrochaetae on outside of hind femora
for most of its length Boettcheria Park.
20—Preacrostichals present, well developed
Proceeditable about or vecticial not well developed 24

21—	Frontals not diverging, stopping practically at base of antennae	22
	Frontals diverging at least one bristle below base of antennae	23
2 <b>2</b> —	Cheeks well over one-half eye-length in breadth	
	Miltoravinia, gen.	nov.
	Cheeks less than one-half eye-length in breadth	
	Euravinia, gen.	nov.
23-	First hypopygial tergite entire, the disk with a double im-	
	pression as though scooped out on each side of median	
	line in a subtransverse oval Kellymyia, gen.	nov.
	First hypopygial tergite incised on median line posteriorly,	
	without discal excavation or impression Zygastropyga, gen.	nov.
94_	First hypopygial tergite entire, neither incised nor excised.	25
	First hypypygial tergite either incised or excised	30
25_	Facio-orbital row including coarse strong hairs or weak bris-	
20	tles below, contrasted with the hairs in line above them	
	Spirobolomy	ia T.
	Facio-orbital row consisting entirely of short or weak hairs,	
	or vestigial	26
96	First hypopygial tergite transversely dished like a wide shal-	20
20-	low groove	27
	First hypopygial tergite not dished	28
97	Theca immensely broad as well as elongate, nearly as broad	20
21-	basally as long; palpi greatly swollen apically	
	Gigantotheca, gen,	nov
	Theca not unusually broad; palpi normal Umbelusía, gen.	
00	-Strong median marginals on segment III; first hypopygial	nov.
28-	tergite shield-like, broad, with disk directed posteriorly	
	Peltopyga, gen.	n ou
		29
00	Median marginals absent or vestigial on segment III	29
29-	-Parafacialia about or nearly as wide as clypeus; first hypo-	
	pygial tergite strongly crescentic in outline, not flattened	** ***
	Trixosarcophaga, gen.	nov.
	Parafacialia only a little over half as wide as clypeus; first	
	hypopygial tergite more or less flattened and concealed.	
	Oxysarcodexia, gen.	
30-	-Parafacialia broader than clypeus Wohlfahrtiops	318 T.
	Parafacialia not as wide as clypeus	31
31-	-Arista long-plumose nearly or practically to tip; or, if some-	
	times short of tip, the eyes large and cheeks scarcely ex-	0.0
	ceeding at most one-fourth eye-length in breadth	32
	Arista plumose not over three-fourths way, the cheeks fully	0.0
	or over one-third eye-length	33
32-	-Frontalia broader than parafrontalia in middle; cheeks	
	nearly one-half eye-length in width; first hypopygial ter-	
	gite showing posteriorly a vertical slit bordered with partly	1 (15
	decussate spines, its disk broadly scooped out . Paraphrissopo	da T.
	Frontalia scarcely as wide as parafrontalia in middle; cheeks	
	about one-fourth eye-length; first hypopygial tergite folded	
	but not slit on median line Sarcodex	na T.

33—Facio-orbital row consisting only of hairs . . . . . . . . . Bercaea RD. Facio-orbital row including three to five strong bristles below 34

34—Vibrissal axis nearly equal to head-height; epistoma well projected beyond vibrissae; cheeks over one-half eye-length; parafacialia only a little narrower than clypeus . Sarcophaga Mg.

Vibrissal axis not over three-fourths of head-height; epistoma but little projected; cheeks only about one-third of eyelength; parafacialia at most little over half width of clypeus

Sarraceniomyia, gen. nov.

#### GENOTYPES OF THE NEW GENERA.

Andinoravinia, A. rufipes, n. sp.

Argoravinia, Sarcophaga argentea T., Proc. U. S. N. M., vol. 43, 358 (1912).

Bercaeopsis, Sarcophaga tetra Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 89 (1916).

Chaetoravinia, Helicobia quadrisetosa Coq., Ent. News, XII, 17 (1901). Euravinia, Ravinia communis Park., Proc. Bost. Soc. N. H., vol. 35, 55 (1914).

Fletcherimyia, Sarcophaga fletcheri Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 96 (1916). Gigantotheca, G. galapagensis, n. sp.

Kellymyia, Sarcophaga kellyi Ald., Jn. Ag. Res., II, 443.

Miltoravinia, Sarcophaga planifrons Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 249 (1916).

Oxysarcodexia, Sarcophaga peltata Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 216 (1916).

Parasarcodexia, Sarcophaga parkeri Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 78 (1916).

Peltopyga, Sarcophaga celarata Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 242 (1916).

Prosthetocirca, P. cana, n. sp.

Sarcodexiopsis, Sarcophaga biseriata Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 153 (1916).

Sarothromyiops, S. cinctus, n. sp.

Sarraceniomyia, Sarcophaga sarraceniae Riley, Tr. Ac. Sc. St. L., III, 238.

Trixosarcophaga, Sarcophaga aurigena T., Proc. U. S. N. M., vol. 43, 357-8 (1912).

Tulaeopoda, Sarcophaga pervillosa Ald., Sarc. & Allies, 92 (1916).

Umbelusia, U. analis, n. sp.

Zygastropyga, Z. aurea, n. sp.

#### DESCRIPTIONS OF THE NEW SPECIES.

### Zygastropyga aurea, new species.

Length of body, 8 to 9 mm.; of wing, 6.75 to 7 mm. One male and one female. Tempe, Arizona; Webster, No. 11,942 (V. L. Wildermuth). The female bears label "Allotype No. 20,550 U. S. N. M.," referred to by Aldrich as single female of S. sulculata Ald. from Kansas (Sarc. & Allies, 225). Holotype, No. 21,574 U. S. N. M., male.

Differs from sulculata Ald. by the broader abdomen; broader male hypopygium, the deeper median fossa of second hypopygial segment; the distinctly golden pollen of head, and the brassy shade to pollen of rest of body.

### Andinoravinia rufipes, new species.

Length of body, 8 to 9 mm.; of wing, 7.5 to 8 mm. One female, Huariaca, canyon of the Rio Huallaga, Peru, 10,750 ft., December 20, 1913 (Townsend). One male and one female, Matucana, Peru, 8,000 ft., May 1, 1914 (Townsend). Holotype, No. 21,575 U.S. N. M., being the female from Huariaca.

Blackish; rather densely clothed with old-gold pollen, except the tarsi, head appendages, frontalia and abdominal marmoration. Legs rufous, except the black tarsi. Frontalia black, parafrontals blackish posteriorly. Antennae blackish, first two joints rufous. Palpi rufous-yellow. Thoracic vittae brown, changing to brownish-gold when their pollinose covering is viewed from the front. Marmorate markings of abdomen black, in form of broken narrow median vitta and oblique curved marks on each side. Hypopygium rufous. Tegulae whitish-tawny, faintly yellowish infuscate. In the male the median abdominal vitta is entire.

## Prosthetocirca cana, new species.

Length of body, 5 to 8.5 mm.; of wing, 4 to 7 mm. One male and one female, Narborough Is., Galapagos, January 13 and 26, 1899; two males and two females, Albemarle Is., Galapagos, January 1 to 18, 1899. Holotype, No. 21,576 U. S. N. M., female from Narborough Is. Allotype, male from Albemarle Is.

Blackish, densely ash-silvery pollinose. Frontalia and thoracic vittae black to brown. Antennae blackish. Palpi rufous, shaded with black. Hind edge of abdominal segments black, rather shining; in the male the black shows a median vitta, and a linking of the lateral markings on last two segments. Hypopygium black. Tegulae rather infuscate, the front scale whitish.

## Gigantotheca galapagensis, new species.

Length of body, 6.5 to 9.5 mm.; of wing, 5.5 to 8.5 mm. Two males and two females, Albemarle Is., Galapagos, January 18, 1899. Holotype, No. 21,577 U.S. N. M.; female.

Coloring very similar in general effect to the preceding species, differing as follows: Palpi black, the extreme base rufous. Hypopygium rufous. Tegulae white. The lateral abdominal markings are more distinctly linked up into lateral vittae of irregular outline, the curved links especially definite in male.

## Sarothromyiops cinctus, new species.

Length of body, 10 mm.; of wing, 8.5 mm. One male, Culpepper Is., Galapagos, December 10, 1898. Holotype, No. 21,578 U. S. N. M.

Black; densely silvery pollinose, the pollen with less of an ashy shade. Palpi faintly rufous. Antennae and frontalia blackish. Thoracic vittae black to brown. Hind margins of abdominal segments and narrow

median vitta black, brown pollinose. Hypopygium black, silvery pollinose, tawny at base of forceps and in middle of hind margin of first segment. No linking of marginal black into lateral abdominal vitta, but a faint darker shade shows laterally under the thick silvery pollen. Tegulae white.

I can identify none of the above Galapagos forms with Sarcophaga inoa Walker, List IV, 832.

### Umbelusia analis, new species.

Length of body, 10.5 mm.; of wing, 9 mm. One female, Umbelusi, East Africa, "5. 3. 09" (C. W. Howard). Holotype, No. 21,579 U. S. N. M.

Black, including antennae, palpi, frontalia, vittae, abdominal markings, and legs. Hypopygium reddish-yellow. Pollen silvery-ashy. Besides the abdominal marmorations, deep black shows in narrow median vitta and in heavy broken lateral vittae. Parafrontals blackish posteriorly. Parafacials transversely corrugated. Tegulae white.

